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Mr. William E. Colby Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Colby:

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In its examination of the foreign intelligence process and products, the Select Committee intends to inquire into the now-defunct National Intelligence Survey (NIS) Program. The Committee proposes to examine various aspects of the NIS, including the following: (1) the NIS concept; (2) its organization, scope and content, (3) how and by whom it was produced; (4) how and by whom it was used; (5) what has replaced it; (6) its cost and by whom borne; and (7) why it was discontinued.

To assist the Committee review of the NIS Program, the following documents are requested:

- (1) NIS Standard Instructions (Last edition and last edition prior to establishment of General Survey)
- (2) Minutes of NIS Committee Meetings, (1960 to termination)
- (3) NIS Production Schedule, (1960 to termination of Program)
- (4) NIS Committee Annual Report to USIB (1960 to termination)
- (5) MITRE Corporation NIS User Survey (1972?)

The Committee also desires that interviews be held with Mr. John Kerry King, the last Chairman of the NIS Committee, the Committee's last Executive Secretary, and Mr. Edward Proctor, DDI, CIA. The interviews will be limited, initially, to the aspects of the NIS enumerated in the first paragraph of this letter and to the adequacy of the above document request. Mr. Bruce R. Grant of the Committee staff will conduct the interviews. If interviews are required with other personnel of your agency or the scope is expanded beyond that indicated herein, your agency will be informed by letter.

Frank Church Chairman

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